

INTEGRATING THE INDIANA WORKFORCE INTO THE WIND INDUSTRY

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Integration

Workforce

Education

Wind Industry











Education is needed

- "Energy Economy" is predicted to be dominant in next few decades.
- Significant federal funding has been and will be devoted to renewable energy research and technology development.
- Commercialization is the goal, meaning the energy sector will grow.
- The needs of engineers with training in energy engineering will be in demand.

IUPUI

- Establishment of Richard G. Lugar Center of Renewable Energy (LCRE) in 2007
- Research focuses on energy storage, fuel cell and battery technologies, power system grid control, wind energy, etc.
- Development of faculty expertise in the fields
- Development of energy degree programs and training programs

Accomplishments

- Secured more than \$8M research funding from government agencies
- Participated in the Indiana Advanced Electric Vehicle Training and Education Consortium for course developments
- Established a new Energy Engineering BS degree program
- Organized workshops, seminars, etc. for state wide audiences

Uniqueness

- Our BS program in energy engineering is researchbased. The curriculum covers broad topics.
- IUPUI has the research infrastructure (LCRE). It creates the depth and provides frontier knowledge to students.
- Both ME and ECE programs offer fundamental engineering courses required for energy engineering.
- Specialty courses in energy engineering will be offered.
- The curriculum will provide a bridge for students to energy related graduate programs.
- There are many energy related companies in Indiana, which provide internship and co-op opportunities as well as guidance to the new degree program.

Education

- BS degree in Energy Engineering (4 years)
- Combined BS degree in Energy Engineering and Mechanical Engineering
- Internship opportunities with energy related companies, such as Earth Solar, AlgaeWheel, Xylanco, Horizon Wind Energy, I-Power Energy Systems, Tawas, Rolls-Royce, Cummins, IPL, Midwest ISO, and Delphi.
- Collaborative research with national labs has been established.
- Certificate programs (to be developed).
- Training programs tailored for specific needs.

Energy Engineering BS Curriculum

•	Science and Math courses	30 cr.
•	Engineering Fundamentals (ME and ECE)	44 cr.
•	Energy Engineering courses	28 cr.
•	Technical Electives	6 cr.
•	General Education	21 cr.

129 cr.

Total

Specialized courses

- Renewable Energy Systems and Design
- Electric Power Networks and Interfaces
- Clean Power Generation
- Thermal and Hydro Generation
- Wind and solar Generation
- Hybrid & Electric Transportation
- Energy Storage Devices and Systems
- Fuel Cell & Battery Engineering
- Nuclear Power Systems
- Electric Power Systems
- Power Electronics
- Industrial Energy Systems Design
- Power System
- HEV Modeling and Simulation

Your involvement

- We encourage the companies to be involved in our programs
 - Advisory board
 - Students
 - Curriculum development
 - Internship or co-op
 - Assessing the programs

Mutual benefit to both IUPUI and Indiana companies

- Make companies more competitive
- Attract energy companies to Indiana
- Promote collaborative research
- Strengthen the education program